

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for providing a value of a good to a requester, said method comprising the steps of:

uploading data relating to a request for a value of a good and data relating to the good to a computer configured as a calculator for calculating a value of the good;

calculating the value; and

~~displaying the value;~~

2. A method according to Claim 1 wherein said step of uploading data relating to the request comprises the step of submitting the data relating to the request for a value of the good and data relating to the good to a computer via an Internet.

3. A method according to Claim 1 wherein said step of uploading data relating to the request comprises the step of submitting the data relating to the request for a value of the good and data relating to the good to a computer via an Intranet.

4. A method according to Claim 1 wherein said step of uploading data comprises the step of accessing a computer configured as a server.

5. A method according to Claim 1 wherein said step of calculating the value further comprises the step of calculating the value from one of residual value, net realizable value, orderly liquidation value and purchase option value.

6. A method according to Claim 1 wherein said step of uploading data relating to the request comprises the step of loading at least one field configured for receiving and storing a new request for a value of a good.

7. A method according to Claim 6 wherein said step of loading at least one field comprises the step of loading at least one field configured for editing the new request.

8. A method according to Claim 6 wherein said step of loading at least one field comprises the step of loading at least one field configured for withdrawing the request.

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9. A method according to Claim 1 wherein said step of uploading data further comprises the step of recognizing an exception request.

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10. A method according to Claim 9 wherein said step of recognizing an exception request comprises the step of loading at least one field configured for receiving and storing additional information for calculating a value for the exception request.

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11 11. A method according to Claim 10 wherein said step of recognizing an exception request comprises the step of loading at least one field configured for storing and submitting the exception request and informing an analyst of the existence of the exception request.

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12. A method according to Claim 9 wherein said step of recognizing an exception request comprises the step of recognizing trends in similar exception requests.

13 13. A method according to Claim 12 wherein said step of recognizing trends in similar exception requests comprises the step of triggering an analyst to add additional policy values.

20 14. A method according to Claim 1 wherein said step of uploading data comprises the step of uploading data relating to a request for a value of equipment and data relating to the equipment to a computer configured as a calculator for calculating the value of the equipment.

25 15. A method according to Claim 1 wherein said step of uploading data comprises the step of uploading lease information to a computer configured as a calculator for calculating a value of the equipment.

16. A method according to Claim 1 wherein said step of uploading data further comprises the step of receiving data relating to at least one residual factor.

5 17. A method according to Claim 1 wherein said step of uploading data further comprises the step of receiving and saving profile information of a new user.

18. A method according to Claim 1 wherein said step of uploading data further comprises the step of loading at least one field configured for receiving a comment with a request.

10 19. A method according to Claim 1 wherein said step of uploading data further comprises the step of updating matrix values.

20. A method according to Claim 19 wherein said step of updating matrix values comprises the step of updating the matrix values from one of policy value, value stream and cell value.

15 21. A method according to Claim 1 wherein said step of uploading data further comprises a step of loading at least one field configured for receiving, storing and deleting information relating to a new good.

22. A method according to Claim 1 wherein said step of calculating the value further comprises the step of calculating the value using at least one input policy value and input changes for calculating the value.

20 23. A method according to Claim 1 wherein said step of calculating the value further comprises the step of querying existing requests.

24. A method according to Claim 23 wherein said step of querying existing requests further comprises the step of querying predefined or customized requests.

25. A method according to Claim 24 wherein said step of querying customized requests further comprises the step of receiving criteria data for the customized request.

5 26. A method according to Claim 5 wherein said step of calculating the residual value of the good further comprises a step of calculating the residual value as one of

$$(((\text{base value}) + \Sigma \text{base value modifiers}) * \text{residual value look up}) * \text{depreciation value look up},$$

$$[\text{cost} * \text{residual value look up}] \text{ and}$$

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$$[\text{depreciation value look up} * \text{residual value look up}]$$

for a lease term.

27. A method according to Claim 5 wherein said step of calculating the net realizable value of the good comprises the step of calculating the net realizable value as

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$$(((\text{base value}) + \Sigma \text{base value modifiers}) * \text{net realizable value look up}) * \text{depreciation value look up},$$

$$[\text{cost} * \text{net realizable value lookup}] \text{ and}$$

$$[\text{depreciation value look up} * \text{net realizable value look up}]$$

for a lease term.

20 28. A method according to Claim 5 wherein said step of calculating the purchase option value of a good comprises the step of calculating the purchase option value as

$$[\text{residual value} + ((\text{cost}/\text{quantity}) * \text{purchase option value look up})] \text{ and}$$

$$[\text{residual value} + (\text{cost} * \text{purchase option value look up})]$$

for a lease term.

29. A method according to Claim 1 wherein said step of calculating the value comprises the step of cloning an existing request.

30. A method according to Claim 1 wherein said step of uploading data further comprises the step of uploading profile information to be received and stored.

31. A method according to Claim 30 wherein said step of uploading profile information further comprises the step of uploading profile information from one of personal data, login information, password information, role information, organization information and preferences.

32. A method according to Claim 30 wherein said step of uploading profile information further comprises the step of analyzing the profile information.

33. A method according to Claim 1 wherein said step of displaying the value further comprises the step of displaying the value within a summary report.

34. A system for providing a value of a good to a requester, said system comprising:

at least one computer;

a server configured to read input data relating to a request for a value of the good and data relating to the good and calculate a value of the good;

a network connecting said server to said computer; and

a user interface allowing a requester to input data relating to a request for a value of the good and data relating to the good and receive the value of the good output.

35. A system according to Claim 34 wherein said server is configured to allow the requester to submit data relating to the request and data relating to the good via the Internet.

5 36. A system according to Claim 34 wherein said server is configured to allow the requester to submit data relating to the request and data relating to the good via an Intranet.

37. A system according to Claim 34 wherein said network is one of a wide area network and a local area network.

10 38. A system according to Claim 34 wherein said server is configured to calculate one of a residual value, net realizable value, purchase option value and an orderly liquidation value.

39. A system according to Claim 34 wherein said server is configured to read input data relating to a request for the value of equipment and data relating to the equipment and calculate the value of equipment.

15 40. A system according to Claim 34 wherein said server is configured to read input data relating to lease information.

41. A system according to Claim 34 wherein said interface is further configured with at least one field for receiving and storing a new request for a value of the good.

20 42. A system according to Claim 41 wherein said interface is further configured with at least one field for editing the new request.

43. A system according to Claim 41 wherein said interface is further configured with at least one field for withdrawing the request.

25 44. A system according to Claim 34 wherein said server is further configured for recognizing an exception request.

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45. A system according to Claim 44 wherein said server is further configured to store and submit the exception request and to inform an analyst of the existence of the exception request.

5 46. A system according to Claim 44 wherein said server is configured for receiving and storing additional information for calculating the value for the exception request.

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47. A system according to Claim 44 wherein said server is configured for recognizing trends in similar exception requests.

10 48. A system according to Claim 47 wherein said server is configured for triggering an analyst to add additional policy values.

49. A system according to Claim 34 wherein said server is configured to calculate the value of the good using at least one input policy value and input changes for calculating the value.

15 50. A system according to Claim 38 wherein said server is configured to calculate the residual value as one of

$$(((\text{base value}) + \Sigma \text{base value modifiers}) * \text{residual value look up}) * \text{depreciation value look up},$$

$$[\text{cost} * \text{residual value look up}] \text{ and}$$

$$[\text{depreciation value look up} * \text{residual value look up}]$$

20 for a lease term.

51. A system according to Claim 38 wherein said server is configured to calculate the net realizable value of the good as value as

$(([\text{base value}] + \Sigma \text{ base value modifiers}] * \text{net realizable value look up}) * \text{depreciation value look up},$

$[\text{cost} * \text{net realizable value look up}] \text{ and}$

$[\text{depreciation value look up} * \text{net realizable value look up}]$

5 for a lease term.

52. A system according to Claim 38 wherein said server is configured to calculate the purchase value as

$[\text{residual value} + ((\text{cost}/\text{quantity}) * \text{purchase option adder matrix value look up})]$ and

$[\text{residual value} + (\text{cost} * \text{purchase option value look up})]$

10 for a lease term.

53. A system according to Claim 34 wherein said server is further configured for cloning an existing request.

54. A system according to Claim 34 wherein said server is further configured to query existing requests.

15 55. A system according to Claim 54 wherein said server is configured to query existing predefined or customized requests.

56. A system according to Claim 55 wherein said server is further configured to upload criteria data for the customized requests.

20 57. A system according to Claim 34 wherein said interface is further configured with fields for receiving and storing at least one residual factor.

58. A system according to Claim 34 wherein said interface is further configured with at least one field for receiving and storing profile information.

59. A system according to Claim 58 wherein said interface is further configured with at least one field for receiving and storing profile information selected from one of personal data, login information, password information, role information, organization information and preferences.

5 60. A system according to Claim 58 wherein said interface is further configured with at least one field for analyzing the profile information.

61. A system according to Claim 34 wherein said interface is further configured for receiving comments with the request.

10 62. A system according to Claim 34 wherein said interface is further configured to allow updating of matrix values.

63. A system according to Claim 63 wherein said interface is further configured to allow updating of matrix values from one of policy value, value stream and cell value.

15 64. A system according to Claim 34 wherein said interface is further configured with fields for receiving, storing and deleting information relating to a new good.

65. A system according to Claim 34 wherein said interface is further configured for displaying the value of the good within a summary report.